MINUTES

EAU CLAIRE CITY COUNCIL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 2020

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER

4:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND ROLL CALL

Council President Weld called the meeting to order. The following Council Members were present in-person: Jill Christopherson, David Klinkhammer, John Lor, Terry Weld and Mai Xiong. The following Council Members were present remotely: Emily Anderson, Kate Beaton, Emily Berge, Catherine Emmanuelle, Jeremy Gragert, and Andrew Werthmann.

SWEARING-IN CEREMONY

City Clerk Carrie Riepl administered the Oath of Office to Council President Weld and Council Member Xiong.

ELECTION OF COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT

Council President Weld called for nominations for Council Vice President. Council Member Emmanuelle expressed interest in serving as Vice President. No other nominations being heard, Council President Weld declared nominations closed. Council Member Emmanuelle was elected Vice President by unanimous voice vote.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

Council Members had previously submitted their committee preferences and a chart had been prepared. Council President Weld said in cases where more Council Members had expressed interest in a particular committee than there are positions available, the Council would vote on the membership.

There are three positions on the Advisory Committee on Appointments. According to City Code, the Council President serves on the committee by virtue of the office. Council Members Anderson, Beaton, Berge and Werthmann had previously expressed interest in serving on the Committee. Council Members Anderson and Beaton withdrew from consideration. By unanimous voice vote, Council Members Berge and Werthmann will serve on the Committee, along with Council President Weld.

There are two positions and one alternate position on the Board of Review. Council Member Christopherson had previously expressed interest in serving on the Committee. Council Member Anderson indicated interest in serving on the Committee. Council Member Emmanuelle indicated interest in serving as the alternate on the Committee. By unanimous voice vote, Council Members Anderson and Christopherson will serve on the Committee and Council Member Emmanuelle will serve as the alternate on the Committee.

There is one position on the Chippewa Valley Innovation Center Board. Council Members Christopherson and Xiong had previously expressed interest in serving on the Committee. Council Member Xiong withdrew from consideration. By unanimous voice vote, Council Member Christopherson will serve on the Committee.

There is one position on the City / County Board of Health. Council Member Berge had previously expressed interest in serving on the Committee. By unanimous voice vote, Council Member Berge will serve on the Committee.

There is one position on the Housing Authority Board. Council Members Lor and Xiong had previously expressed interest in serving on the Committee. The Council voted by a show of hands.

Council Member Lor received 4 votes.

Council Member Xiong received 7 votes.

Council Member Xiong will serve on the Committee.

There is one position on the Housing Opportunities Commission. Council Members Werthmann and Xiong indicated interest in serving on the Committee. The Council voted by a show of hands.

Council Member Werthmann received 5 votes.

Council Member Xiong received 6 votes.

Council Member Xiong will serve on the Committee.

There are three positions on the Joint Commission on Shared Services Initiatives. The Council President serves on the Committee by virtue of the office. Council Members Anderson and Werthmann had previously expressed interest in serving on the Committee. By unanimous voice vote, Council Members Anderson and Werthmann will serve on the Committee, along with Council President Weld.

There is one position on the Landmarks Commission. Council Member Klinkhammer had previously expressed interest in serving on the Committee. By unanimous voice vote, Council Member Klinkhammer will serve on the Committee.

There is one position on the Library Board. Council Members Anderson and Lor had previously expressed interest in serving on the Committee. Council Member Anderson withdrew from consideration. By unanimous voice vote, Council Member Lor will serve on the Committee.

There are two positions on the Plan Commission. According to City Ordinance, Council Members appointed to the Plan Commission are to be elected by a two-thirds vote, meaning eight affirmative votes of the Common Council. Council Members Christopherson and Gragert had previously expressed interest in serving on the Committee. By unanimous voice vote, Council Members Christopherson and Gragert will serve on the Committee.

There are two positions on the Putnam Parks Commission. Council Members Gragert and Werthmann had previously expressed interest in serving on the Committee. By unanimous voice vote, Council Members Gragert and Werthmann will serve on the Committee.

There is one position on the Redevelopment Authority. Council Members appointed to the Redevelopment Authority are to be elected by a four-fifths vote, meaning nine affirmative votes of the Common Council. Council Member Emmanuelle had previously expressed interest in serving on the Committee. By unanimous voice vote, Council Member Emmanuelle will serve on the Committee.

There is one position on the Revolving Loan Fund Committee. Council Members Christopherson and Xiong indicated interest in serving on the Committee. The Council voted by a show of hands.

Council Member Christopherson received 7 votes.

Council Member Xiong received 4 votes.

Council Member Christopherson will serve on the Committee.

There is one position on the Transit Commission. Council Member Gragert had previously expressed interest in serving on the Committee. By unanimous voice vote, Council Member Gragert will serve on the Committee.

There is one position on the Utility Appeals Board. Council Member Anderson had previously expressed interest in serving on the Committee. By unanimous voice vote, Council Member Anderson will serve on the Committee.

There are two positions on the Visit Eau Claire Board. Council Members Beaton and Berge had previously expressed interest in serving on the Committee. Council Member Klinkhammer indicated interest in serving on the Committee. The Council voted by a show of hands.

Council Member Beaton received 9 votes.

Council Member Berge received 8 votes.

Council Member Klinkhammer received 4 votes.

Council Members Beaton and Berge will serve on the Committee.

There are two positions on the Visit Eau Claire Tourism and Cultural Arts Grant Program Committee. Council Members Anderson and Lor had previously expressed interest in serving on the Committee. By unanimous voice vote, Council Members Anderson and Lor will serve on the Committee.

There are two positions on the Waterways and Parks Commission. Council Members Beaton, Christopherson, Lor, Werthmann and Xiong had previously expressed interest in serving on the Committee. Council Members Christopherson, Werthmann and Xiong withdrew from consideration. By unanimous voice vote, Council Members Beaton and Lor will serve on the Committee.

SEATING ARRANGEMENT

A drawing was held for the Council Chamber seating arrangement.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned without objection.

Adjournment: April 21, 2020 Time: 5:16 p.m.

ATTEST:

/s/ Terry L. Weld, President /s/ Carrie L. Riepl, City Clerk

BOARD, COMMISSION AND COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Council Vice President Council Member Emmanuelle

Advisory Committee on Appointments Council Members Weld, Berge and Werthmann

Board of Review Council Members Anderson and Christopherson

Alternate: Council Member Emmanuelle

Chippewa Valley Innovation Center Board Council Member Christopherson

City / County Board of Health Council Member Berge

Housing Authority Board Council Member Xiong

Housing Opportunities Commission Council Member Xiong

Joint Commission on Council Members Weld, Anderson and Werthmann

Shared Services Initiatives

Landmarks Commission Council Member Klinkhammer

Library Board Council Member Lor

Plan Commission Council Members Christopherson and Gragert

Putnam Parks Commission Council Members Gragert and Werthmann

Redevelopment Authority Board Council Member Emmanuelle

Revolving Loan Fund Committee Council Member Christopherson

Transit Commission Council Member Gragert

Utility Appeals Board Council Member Anderson

Visit Eau Claire Board Council Members Beaton and Berge

Visit Eau Claire Tourism & Council Members Anderson and Lor

Cultural Arts Grant Program Committee

Waterways and Parks Commission Council Members Beaton and Lor